

## Interview Summary

Application No.

09/884,894

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ware

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1651



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Miss Ware, Patent Examiner (P.E.)

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(2) Mr. Provence, Esq., Reg. No. 43022

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Date of Interview Mar 26, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-40

Identification of prior art discussed:

Mutai et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) N/A

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed the claims and the rejections of record. Applicants state for the record that the criticality of Bifidobacterium of claims is that it secretes a siderophore. The siderophore binds the iron molecule in the gut in the process. Suggested changes to claims to indicate the active participation of the siderophore in the claimed processes. Applicants' Representative will present changes to the claims and arguments for the record as reflected during the interview discussion of the case.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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